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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Freedom is a blessing that is acquired with great difficulty and lost with great ease. – From *"Fluoride: The Freedom to Fight"* by Dr. Hans Moolenburgh

HOW THE DUTCH DEFEATED FLOURIDATION by D.J. Auchterlonie: Dr. Hans Moolenburgh led a successful campaign to rid his country of fluoridation as described by Dan Montgomery in a review of his book *Fluoride: The Freedom to Fight* (Queenslanders Against Fluoridation, Far North Queensland Branch). He organised several prayer groups to pray for the defeat of fluoridation in a similar manner as people prayed for the defeat of the Nazis in the Second World War.

The Doctor never let people forget that fluoridation is a totalitarian idea, his explanation for the unpopularity of fluoridation in the Netherlands was that the people in those countries who had been occupied by the Nazis were quicker to see the true nature of a totalitarian programme like fluoridation. The "resistance" groups against fluoridation were much like the "resistance" to the Nazis. Fluoridation was like having a policeman knock on your door every morning and ask if you had taken your fluoride pill yet (pp.96-97).

Dr. Moolenburgh met with scientists in the U.S.A. in 1973 at an anti-fluoridation conference. He realized then why the anti-fluoridation campaigns in the U.S.A. had not been as effective as they would have wished. "These men had in their hands material that was pure gold in the fluoridation battle and yet where resistance was concerned they still had something to learn: they had no clear idea of how to fight a real guerrilla war. I suddenly realized for the first time that my American and British friends lacked an essential experience. They had not been under occupation by a totalitarian regime. I became aware that in the Netherlands we were using our war experiences to thwart the enemy and perhaps we could be of some service to those who twenty-eight years previously had liberated us". (p.102)

How could it be that nations like Britain and the U.S.A. could allow a totalitarian measure like mandatory fluoridation to become to become law? They had been free of tyranny so long they did not recognize the danger. There were enough people left in the Netherlands who remembered the Nazi tyranny that they could see what was happening and knew what to do about it.

Dr. Moolenburgh says on p.126: "That is why I have written this book for you: not to tell you how we did it in the first place, but to increase your awareness. Freedom is a blessing that is acquired with great difficulty and lost with great ease. Fluoridation is one of the ways of taking freedom away. There are

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many other ways and most of them are infiltrating the free democracies of our day, but when you have learned to recognize one you will recognize them all. The same pattern emerges time and time again, it is the pattern of a small arrogant elite posing as a public benefactor, using innocent fellow travellers as useful idiots and laughing to scorn the timid attempts to resist". There is a lesson here for those who wish to learn it.

SURE... LET THEM ALL STAY by Brian Simpson: The call went out from the University of New South Wales deputy vice-chancellor to give foreign higher degree research students preferential residency treatment (*The Australian*, 25/6/08, p.22). Domestic higher degree numbers are declining "due to competition from employment." This is a symbol of our plight, where the local must be marginalised and the foreign worshipped. Why not increase the number of local degrees by better conditions and opportunities? Because that is not the logic of globalization, which is to take the shortest economic route to the path of national destruction.

A flood of migrants (and their resultant high birth rates) has made Australia the fastest-growing nation in the developed world (*The Australian*, 25/6/08, p.8). Where are the Greenies to criticise this enormous impact upon our sensitive environments? Prisoners of the ghost of Karl Marx, population growth and immigration are the great taboos for them. The Greenies would rather see environments crash than do anything politically incorrect like make a mouse-like squeak about immigration.

MIGRANT SURGE TO AUSTRALIA AT RECORD LEVELS: *The Australian*, 25/9/08, reports: The push to lure skilled workers to Australia and the increase in foreign students have raised migration into the country to a record high. Australian Bureau of Statistics figures reveal that net overseas migration to Australia boosted the population by almost 200,000 in the year to March, outstripping births in contributing to population growth. And with the Federal Government adding to the migration intake in this year's budget, demographers predict the numbers will swell.

The population of Australia reached 21.3 million at the end of March, and 59% of that growth was due to net overseas migration – that is, the difference between overseas arrivals and departures.

Peter McDonald, head of demographics at the Australian National University, said much of the rise was due to long-term temporary migration. This mainly comprises foreign students, temporary skilled workers who are here on 457 visas, and people on working holidays.

Monash University demographer Bob Birrell said migration was contributing more to population growth than births, and the trend was yet to peak. "There's also a significant delay in the return of those temporary migrants," he said. "We're getting a surge of people coming here, but it takes some time before they finish their stay and return home." Dr Birrell said the increasing population was adding pressure to the housing market, which was already under strain because of a reduction in the construction of units and houses. It was also increasing demand for hospital services and public transport and adding cars on roads.

A spokesman for Immigration and Citizenship Minister Chris Evans said the figures reflected the migration program levels set by the previous government. He said this also reflected the strong growth in the number of foreign students and temporary skilled migrant workers coming to Australia. In 2007-08, more than 278,000 student visas and 110,570 457 visas were granted. Acting state Treasurer Tim Holding said Victoria had recorded its highest population growth in 37 years. This year's budget included \$4.4 billion in new infrastructure investment, including for hospitals, schools and roads.

HH PRINCE MICHAEL ANDREEVICH ROMANOV (1920-2008) – from David Flint's *Opinion Column*: HH Prince Michael Andreevich Romanov of Russia, who lived in Sydney, passed away on Sunday, 21 September 2008. Prince Michael served in the Royal Navy in the Second World War, including a period in Australia with the Fleet Air Arm. On the conclusion of the war he settled permanently in Australia and became an aviation engineer.

A member of the Russian Imperial Family, and Vice President of the Romanov Family Association, Prince Michael was born on the 15th of July 1920 in Versailles. The second child and eldest son of Prince Andrei Alexandrovich of Russia and Donna Elisabetha Ruffo, he was the grandson of Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich and Grand Duchess Xenia Alexandrovna of Russia and a great nephew of Nicholas II, the last Emperor of Russia.

Prince Michael lived with his parents and his grandmother Grand Duchess Xenia in exile at Frogmore Cottage on the grounds of Windsor Castle and later at Wilderness House.

Russia finally reconciled... He was the Royal protector and Sovereign Grand Prior of the Orthodox Order of Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, formerly under the protection of his father Prince Andrei and uncle Prince Vasili. Earlier this year, Prince Michael presided at the Investiture of new Knights and Dames into the Order.

On 28 September 2006, in scenes recalling the splendour of Imperial Russia, Prince Michael was an honoured guest at the interment of the Danish born mother of the last Tsar of Russia, Her Imperial Majesty, The Tsaritsa Maria Feodorovna, in the sombre Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul in the great imperial city of Peter the Great, St. Petersburg.

This was in many ways a final reconciliation of Russia to the terrible wrongs visited upon the Romanov Family and the Russian people for the evils of Boshevism. Their promise of paradise on earth had, as Fyodor Dostoevsky long ago predicted, resulted in a time of madness. And it was a madness portrayed not as the monstrosity it was, but as something beautiful.

The Prince would have been deeply moved when, just as they did when she had first came to Russia as a young Princess, cannon from the Fortress boomed out in a solemn imperial salute in honour of the Empress as she made her final journey home to her beloved Russia.

Tributes pour in..... Prince Michael was a dignified and reserved man, with a strong sense of duty, as evidenced by his enlistment in the Royal Navy. Tributes are pouring in from those who are mourning a great man. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Bryan Stertern-Gill, the Deputy Bailiff Prior of the OOSJ, Chairman of the Australian Monarchist League (Victoria) and ACM supporter, said: "HH Prince Michael will be very, very sadly missed. He was our Royal Protector and Sovereign Grand Prior, a committed Orthodox Christian and Constitutional Monarchist. He was a person of great strength, support and love. Personally, he was like a mentor to me and a very close and personal family friend. Every time he visited Melbourne he stayed with us and we considered him part of our family. His loss will be greatly felt by all who knew him."

George Bougias, OOSJ, International Convenor of ACM and member of the AML, said: "HH Prince Michael was one of those rare individuals that reminded us it is possible – and indeed necessary – to live the great ideals in the modern age. He was a man of deep faith, tradition and honour but also

gracious and joyful. He was always willing to spend time with people and help those in need. His love for both Australia and Russia was immense.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have known him and will miss him greatly. OOSJ members and all Monarchists will always remember him, through both our prayers and actions."

WHAT A JOKE – WHAT A FARCE! FATE OF TOORALE STATION'S WATER QUOTA:

"Toorale water to Queensland" 25/09/08, *The Land*, by Phil Thomson: TENS of millions of mega litres of Warrego River water supposedly saved for the environment by the controversial purchase of Bourke's Toorale Station has no chance of making it into the Murray-Darling river system. It will soon be pumped out of the river system before it even reaches Bourke – diverted on to farms north of the border in Queensland.

Water licences granting the right to take 23,300Ml a year from the Warrego, which have been dormant for years, are about to be activated by their Queensland owners. Other properties on the river where water licences are "sleeping" have the potential to extract another 20,000Ml a year.

Two weeks ago almost \$24 million was spent by the N.S.W. and federal governments to buy the 91,000ha grazing and cotton property, "Toorale", so more water could flow down the ailing Murray-Darling system.

According to environmentalists and the Federal Government, huge amounts of the floodplain water are now free to flow through western N.S.W. and into South Australia.

They say between 20 gegalitres in a normal year and up to 90GI following high rainfall will be available after the removal of banks and other diversionary structures used to channel water from Toorale's flooded grazing plains to farm storages. But Liberal Senator, Bill Heffernan, said water would spill onto grazing country even after the banks were removed because the area was a natural floodplain.

And there would be less flow south of Bourke coming from the Warrego River as agricultural production north of the struggling northern NSW town increased. Five properties south of Cunnamulla, Qld, have licences for a total of 23,300Ml from the river and are expected to reach full extraction levels soon.

Almost 50,000ha owned by Bill and Glenda Fanning, collectively called "Mirage Plains", has sold for about \$20 million to Australian buyers backed by U.K. investors, according to a source close to the sale.

Several thousand head of cattle grazing "Mirage Plains" are about to be replaced with water intensive, organic cereal crops once the sale is finalised in mid-October. Nearby residents said these would be the first crops grown on the southern Queensland country.

One Bourke-based observer, grazier Bill Ridge, "Tuon", said federal Water Minister, Penny Wong, might now "cast her eyes north". "An amount of \$24 million has just materialised to buy a good, well-working property but at the end of the day there will be no more water because of development in Queensland. It just makes my blood boil."